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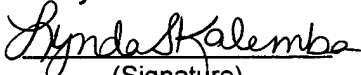
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AND DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY
ENHANCING THE ISOLATION OF
ANAEROBIC MICROORGANISMS
CONTAINED IN A MIXED SAMPLE WITH
FACULTATIVE MICROORGANISMS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, Applicants have filed a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) and request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and comments which follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.